

## Saint Mary's News

Saturday, April 15th - 3:30 p.m. - Donna Wrobel  
Sunday, April 16th, 10:30 a.m. - Bogdan Janiszewski  
Saturday, April 22nd - 3:30 p.m. - Special Intention in Thanksgiving  
Sunday, April 23rd , 10:30 a.m. - David Buzalewski

**This year's Lenten Pierogi Sale was a huge success!** A thank you to the volunteers of the Pierogi Society who worked hard to make this sale such a success. The Pierogi Society made 1,367 dozen pierogis, or 16,404 individual pierogis! The profit from this year's sales was \$11,300.00. A sincere thank you to all who made this year's sale so successful.



### Emergency Vehicle Access

We have been reminded to keep the driveway area immediately in front of the main Church free from parked vehicles. This includes the area under the portico as well as the driveway approaches to and from the portico. **Of course, this area will remain available for pick up and drop off,** but vehicles should proceed to designated spaces in the parking lot immediately thereafter. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Save the Date! - Vacation Bible School is back!** At Stellar VBS, kids celebrate God's Greatness! Stellar is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Sciency-fun gizmos, team building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how they can shine Jesus' light in everyday life. VBS will be held in the school cafeteria June 19, 2023 thru June 23, 2023 from 9:00 am - 11:30 am and is open to children entering grades K-5 in September 2023. Students in grades 6-8 are invited to volunteer to help run VBS. Adult leaders are needed as well! Registration and volunteer forms are available on the tables in the back of the Church or at [www.scsyouth.weebly.com](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com). Contact Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org) with questions.



## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The novena will conclude today with a 3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday in the Church, with the novena prayers, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance. Any person who participates in the devotions on Divine Mercy Sunday may obtain a plenary indulgence.

**Knights of Columbus Community Service Award** – Our St. Catharine of Siena Council #14880 will again be providing a \$1000 cash award via its Community Service Award Program, intended to award student's dedication to and performance of charitable service. The program is open to St. Catharine of Siena School, public school, and home-schooled students currently in the eighth grade and planning to attend Berks Catholic High School this fall. Applications are being sent to parents/guardians of eighth grade students at St Catharine's School. In addition, public and home-schooled students can secure applications by contacting Bill Wertz at [pakettle629@aol.com](mailto:pakettle629@aol.com). Please see the application form for additional details.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Acts 2:42-47:** The faithful lived a common life, sharing all their goods. The Apostles worked many miracles. They prayed together and broke bread. Their numbers increased daily.

**1 Pt 1:3-9:** God, our Father, has given us a new hope in Jesus, a birthright kept in heaven. Although there may be suffering, this is at the same time a cause for rejoicing. Faith in Jesus will bring salvation.

**Jn 20:19-31:** Jesus appears to the disciples, coming through locked doors. He shows them his hands and side. He greets them in peace and gives them the power to forgive sins. A week later, Jesus appears again directly to Thomas who now professes his belief.

**Today's Message:** Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus. Although we have never seen him, we believe in him. We give thanks to the Lord for this gift of faith, especially when we gather for the breaking of the bread and the prayers.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 16

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA - 3:00 p.m. - Church  
8<sup>th</sup> GRADE BAKE SALE - following all Masses - Social Hall

#### MONDAY, APRIL 17

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - following the 7:15 Mass until 8:00 p.m. - Chapel

CUB SCOUTS - 6:30 p.m. - Social Hall

GUITAR GROUP PRACTICE - 7:00 p.m. - Church

**CONFESSIONS - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Chapel**

BLESS THIS SPACE - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE - 7:00 p.m. - Church

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 20

PRAY THE ROSARY - 6:45 a.m. - Chapel

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - 7:00 p.m. - Social Hall

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 21

AHG - 5:00-8:00 p.m. - Social Hall

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 22

PRAY THE ROSARY - 7:30 a.m. - Chapel

BOY SCOUTS MOVIE - 5:30- 8:00 p.m. - Social Hall

### Scripture Readings

#### For the Week of April 16, 2023

##### Sunday

##### Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

##### Monday

Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8

##### Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn: 3:7b-15

##### Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

##### Thursday

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

##### Friday

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

##### Saturday

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

##### Sunday

##### Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

## MASS INTENTIONS



## FOR THE WEEK



### SATURDAY, APRIL 15

4:30 George & Mary Edmunds

### SUNDAY, APRIL 16

7:30 Deceased of William & Anna Bollendorf Family

9:30 Lori Ann Rears

11:30 Allen & Anita Barber (60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

### MONDAY, APRIL 17

7:15 Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Thren

### TUESDAY, APRIL 18

7:15 Albert Lellig

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

7:15 John Burns

### THURSDAY, APRIL 20

7:15 Thaddeus A. Malecki (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 21

7:15 Genevieve Iswalt

### SATURDAY, APRIL 22

8:00 John Sadlowski (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

4:30 Deceased Members of the Flay Family

### SUNDAY, APRIL 23

7:30 Mario Bisbano

9:30 John Harner

11:30 Ruth & Jackson Yoder

For the week of April 16th



The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn In  
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Thaddeus A. Malecki, Jr. -  
(2nd Anniversary)

Saint Catharine's Chapel - Mary Louise Mancuso

St. Mary's - Helen & Donald Matetich

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 4/17	Rev. Msgr. William F. Bayer
Tuesday 4/18	Rev. Henry Beck, O.S.F.
Wednesday 4/19	Rev. Joseph P. Becker, O.S.F.S.
Thursday 4/20	Rev. Frans J. Berkhout
Friday 4/21	Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Biszek
Saturday 4/22	Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin

**HELP NEEDED:** We are in need of more volunteers to help clean the Church & Chapel. (Light cleaning) Please call the Parish Center (610-779-4005) if you can help.

**Parish Nurse News** - Spring cleaning for your health! Update your list of daily and as-needed medications; lose unwanted pounds with smaller meal portions and substitute dessert with nuts and veggies; switch from sodas to flavored waters and unsweetened teas. Spend quality time outside to enjoy the sunshine, fresh air, and a walk, even a short walk brings a smile and sense of well-being!

**Saturday Morning Prayer Group** - To meet after the 8am morning Mass in the convent around 8:45am, starting May 6th. Please call Matthew if interested 610-864-2611 or email him at [Matmalf11@gmail.com](mailto:Matmalf11@gmail.com). Cenacle will include Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary and discussions on Our Lady of Medjugorje and her messages.

**Psalms: A Masterpiece and Guide to Prayer – June 2 to June 4/ 2023**

- This is a Five-Session Workshop which aims at presenting the Psalms in a more refreshing and practical way. Sr. Gabriel Mary Riddle will help the participants to explore and understand the Psalms as a major prayer for their lives, touching the key elements of joy, praise, belief, power, comfort, and healing. Sr. Gabriel Mary Riddle is a Missionary Sister of the Precious Blood who was born, raised, and educated in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. She was initially trained as a physical therapist and ministered in both Canada and South Africa. Upon her return from the missions in South Africa, Sr. Gabriel Mary did theological studies before taking up her current position as Pastoral Assistant in a poor downtown Toronto Parish where she works with the bereaved, sick, and homeless. Come! Join Sr. Gabriel Mary Riddles and experience the richness of the Psalms.

To register, call Mariawald Renewal Center at 610-777-0135 or email [mariawaldcenter@gmail.com](mailto:mariawaldcenter@gmail.com). Register before 5/28/2023 - Cost: \$180.00

**Our parish just purchased six new ciboria. If anyone would like to memorialize them, please see Father Miller.**



Siena Stitchers would like to thank everyone who purchased their hand made knitting items. They raised over \$700.00 and all proceeds went to Saint Vincent de Paul Society.



**50 Plus News**

Please call, President, Kathleen Zagar, for any 50+ club inquiries. Her phone number is 610-698-3289. You can see us on Facebook for additional information. **Anyone attending the 50+ meeting will be asked to show proof of Covid Vaccination. If an attendee does not have proof of vaccination, he/she will be asked to wear a mask.**

**Meetings**

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023**, Ann Hendrix, CRNP from Reading Dermatology will speak about "Getting our Skin ready for Summer". Desserts and drinks will be served.

**Wednesday, June 7, 2023**, Pastor, Dave Reinwald will entertain the club with singing and guitar accompaniment. A pizza party is planned in memory of past club president, Carol Buddell.

**Trips for 2023** - Call Pat White at 610-582-1437 for trip flyers and more detailed trip information. **As trips are filling up, call Pat to confirm there are openings before you send a check.**

**May 17, 2023**, Wednesday, Sight and Sound, "Moses" lunch at Cracker Barrel on your own, \$110. Sight and Sound, "Moses", **reservations are closed, waiting list only!**

**June 22, 2023**, Thursday, Pines Dinner Theater, "Route 66", \$100. Pines dinner, theater, reservation deadline, May 31, 2023

**July 14th, 2023**(Friday), Riverboat 'all you can eat crab feast' Cruise, Hurlock, MD \$135. River boat/crab fest, **reservations are closed, waiting list only!**

**August 16, 2023**, Wednesday, Atlantic City, New Jersey Airshow, \$60

**September 19-23**, Niagara Falls \$895 per person for double occupancy, \$1095 for single occupancy.

**October 18, 2023**, Wednesday, Penn's, Peak, "Dolly, and Kenny Tribute", \$95

**November 15, 2023**, Wednesday, "Holidays at Mount Hope", \$95

Please call Kathleen Zagar at 610-698-3289 with the name of members who are sick or have died. We always welcome new members and encourage guests to join us at any of our meetings. **Our meetings are held at 1:00 PM on the first Wednesday of most months at Saint Catharine's Social Hall. There will be no meetings during the special events' months of April, August, and December.**

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

a time to be born... Recently Baptized:

**Please pray for our sick:** Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Pat Auchter, Baby Lanzo, Jo Ann Bechtel, Melody Bechtel, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Renee Brzostek Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, George Dietrich, Janet Dodge, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Martin Eisenhower, Charles Elchlepp, Robert Flipping, Tom Franek, Chris Fry, Connie Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Carl Gethmann, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Lydia Griffith, David J. Gulati II, Doris Harner, Al Heck, Mary & Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Carol Hess, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Rodger Hilton, Michael Hivner, Carolyn Hoffman, Margaret Iuso, Nikki Lyn Kells, Judith M. Koch, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, John Kompa, Deb Kothgasser, Rosemarie Kovacs, Doug Kroener, Dorothy Kulak, Walter LaSota, Darryl Larish, William Lawson, Marniece Lepore, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Rosemary Ludwig, Maryann Marino, Joanne Marnell, Angela Marroccoli, Daniel Matz, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Tim McNeil, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Cynthia Mitchell, Carol Moore, Robert Moyer, Jerome Nigh, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Frank Pingitore, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Peggy Reid, Aneliese Robinson, Raven Robinson, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Earl Sheetz, Carolyn Schott, Gabbie Sierra, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Henry and Mary Jane Skowron, Harvey Snyder, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Kimberly Trigstead, Jeff Trojanowski, Betty Vilardo, Rex Voelker, Mark Walter, Frank White, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Kathleen Zagar, Ann Marie Zawislak, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: Ruth Mountz, (mother of Dorothy Braun)** & all victims of war, and the 4,100 daily abortions. Ecclesiastes 3:11

To have someone from your family enrolled on our prayer list, please call the Parish Center. Parishioners who are sick or hospitalized, in a rehabilitation facility or at home wishing to receive the Holy Eucharist may call the Parish at 610-779-4005.

**We pray for the Gift of Peace** in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Cpl. Bruce Bogertey, SPC, Alex Heintz, Captain Chelsea Pellicano, Airman Ethan Kosmoski, Ensign Nicholas Tomczyk, Captain Steffan Lis, MD, SPC, Dylan Einfalt, Airman 1st Class Kevin Hodgson, Sgt. Madison Straka, First Lt. Devon Schoonover, Sgt. Mackenzie Adame, Lance Corporal Connor A. Soja, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, Captain Anthony Bennett, Tom Bristol, Danny Bristol, Sgt. Erin Pawlik, Commander Daniel M. Simon, Staff Sgt. Michael Porcaro, Staff Sgt. Zak Ribble, Staff Sgt. Timothy Hinsey, Thomas Bristol, Col. Patrick Sullivan, Second Lt. Joshua Kline, Captain Kevin Madary, Sgt. First Class Andrew Spies, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Brizek, Warrant Officer Gregory Van Horn, Major Jeffrey Van Horn, Zachary Deissler, Amy & Gregory Boland, Lt. Col. Adam Sawyer, Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Sola, Lt. Cdr. Mathew Stuber, Sgt. Nathan Essig. **Please contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or email them to [dsitler@comcast.net](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).**

Please take note of the businesses advertising on the last pages of our bulletins. We thank them for their support and ask you to consider patronizing them.



**Save the Date !**  
**CYO Golf Tournament**  
**Friday, May 26th !**  
**More information to follow.**



*Congratulations to Allen & Anita Barber who will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on April 20th! May they be blessed with many more years together!*



Hope Rescue Mission has a clothing donation box located behind our Church on Route 562. Since 1894, Hope Rescue Mission has been a place of refuge for the homeless men of Berks County, PA. They offer four residential programs that men can work their way through to transition back into the community as productive and independent individuals. **They accept all clothing and shoes.**



**KNIGHTLY NEWS  
& EVENTS**

**SAVE THE DATE:  
May 6th, 2023**

**SCS Knights 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cornhole  
Tournament**

**Held at SCS Church Grounds (near the pavilion)  
Limited to First 30 Teams Registered.**  
Tournament check-in starts at 10:30 am - Play Starts at 11:30 am

**Cost: \$50 per Team**

(includes hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, soda, water, traditional burger & dog fixings and snacks)

**Prizes:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place = \$300 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = \$200  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place = \$100

**MORE INFO TO BE ANNOUNCED  
IN COMING WEEKS**

Bless This Space – our bereavement group was designed to journey through loss with others. This follow-up group fills a need be seen, to be known, to belong, & to flourish and build relationships that help us to live out our God-given purpose. Please email [judyacameron@comcast.net](mailto:judyacameron@comcast.net) for details about our newest group beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>.

  
**Kindness  
Matters.**



*With featured speaker  
Abby Johnson!*

**ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET**  
Benefitting Lifeline of Berks County  
pregnancy resource center

**TUES. MAY 23, 2023 | DOORS OPEN AT 6PM**  
The DoubleTree | RSVP by April 23rd

Individual and group tickets are available for purchase. Please visit our website for registration information. For sponsorship opportunities please contact Stephanie at 610-374-8545 x 207. We can't wait to see you!

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SCAN ME

**2023 Steubenville Youth Conference** - Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville Youth Conference Main Campus 4 on July 14-16, 2023 to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is our refuge and never wearies of loving us. All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend this retreat with our group. Contact Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org) or check out the youth website at [www.scsyouth.weebly.com](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com) for more information.